

37. (Twice Amended) A device for connecting an electrode from a lamp to a wire having a conductive core, comprising:

an elongated body comprised of a conductive material, said body having a first pair of arms positioned to meet the wire and a second pair of arms positioned to meet the conductive core, wherein said first pair of arms can clinch the wire, and wherein said second pair of arms can bend to clinch the conductive core;

a clamp that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said body; and

a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said clamp, said clamping structure dimensioned to snap-fit with the electrode substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp, wherein the electrode and the lamp are fixed by the clamp and the clamping structure.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Office Action dated March 18, 2003, has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. In the present application, claims 32-42 are currently pending, with independent claims 32 and 37 amended.

In the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 claims 32-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,753,193 to Teagno et al. (hereinafter "Teagno") in view of the conventional art shown in the application. Applicants hereby traverse this rejection and reconsideration is requested. The rejection of claims 32-42 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.